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SUBJECT: LUGO LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA

(U) Embassy received a letter from Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo to President Obama late January 20. An unofficial translation follows.

(BEGIN TEXT:)

Asuncion, January 19, 2009

Mr. President:

From the heart of South America, we are excited today about your constitutional inauguration as President of the United States of America. My country's hope focuses on the fact that your administration's leadership will embrace the longtime dreams of justice and equality for the world.

Within the context of Latin America, we trust in you because you inspire us to build a dignified relationship with a strong nation, one with great democratic traditions and world economic leadership, one which collaborates on social inclusion, the consolidation of democracy, development and social justice in our nations.

Mr. President, the people of the United States have the good fortune to count on, beginning today, a young, humane and prestigious President, with the capacity to deal appropriately with the great dilemmas of our times.

Paraguay intends to strengthen its ties during your administration in the traditional areas and on new topics of cooperation that we can build beginning now.

May God bless you, your family, and the members of your cabinet and the beloved American people that trust in your administration because they dream of a better world, with peace, solidarity and fraternal love.

May you have a great administration, President Obama.

(signed)
Fernando Lugo Mendez

(END TEXT.)

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